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by **Laura Donney**
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It's the world premiere of the composer's new piece, "Cosmic Dust." Steinberg, who received a doctorate in music from Harvard, currently serves as artistic director of the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra and is winner of an ASCAPPLUS Award and Gold Medal Jury's Choice at the Park City Film Music Festival. Join the New West Symphony as it introduces its commissioned work to the world. Pre-concert talk an hour before curtain. Sat. 8 p.m. \$30-\$103. Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks. (866) 776-8400. newwestsymphony.org.

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YOM HASHOAH

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The day of Holocaust commemoration will honor our past, present and future. Following the Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide, the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust presents its historical commemorative ceremony in Pan Pacific Park. J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large at The Forward, delivers the keynote speech, with an invocation by Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz and remarks by Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Join a pre-ceremony talk with Yanklowitz about the importance of talking to your children about the Shoah and ways to approach this sensitive and vital topic. Sun. 1 p.m. Free. 7600 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles. (323) 651-3704. lamothe.org.

"CONTEMPORARY JEWISH AMERICAN POETRY"

It's National Poetry Month! Come get your sonnet on as some of the country's most distinguished poets read from the Bloomsbury anthology. The collection honors writers born after World War II and whose content centers around Jewish themes. Participating poets include Carol V. Davis, who is a poetry editor for the Journal, Colleen McKee, Peter Serchuk, Patty

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Seyburn, Carine Topal and anthology editor M.E. Silverman. The program includes a Q-and-A as well as a book signing. Sun. 2 p.m. Free. Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. (310) 440-4500. skirball.org.

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WALK TO END GENOCIDE

It's the eighth annual Jewish World Watch Walk. Join thousands of others in a celebration of our community conscience, and walk three miles before perusing the Global Village Festival — an assemblage of booths with info about different regions, advocacy opportunities, solar cooker demonstrations and more. Mayor Eric Garcetti and Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis co-chair the day. Sun. 9 a.m. \$20 (adults), \$15 (students), \$5 (ages 5-11), free (ages 4 and under). Pan Pacific Park, 7600 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles. (818) 501-1836. jewishworldwatch.org.

MON | APR 28

"MAKING FILMS ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST"

Certainly, there are many ways to commemorate Yom HaShoah, no one more meaningful than another. But with storytelling in our DNA, and Los Angeles itself *the* city that tells stories, films often come to the forefront. Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker Mark Jonathan Harris ("The Long Way Home," "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport") knows very well the responsibility of remembering. Join Harris, who is also a distinguished University of Southern California professor, as he shows clips from his films and reflects on his experience making them. Lunch will be served. Mon. 11:30 a.m. \$30. The Ebell of Los Angeles, 741 S. Lucerne Blvd., Los Angeles. (323) 931-1277, ext. 131. ebelleventtickets.com.

"IS MEDITATION JEWISH?"

With influences coming from the East, our own U.S. Jewish community is experiencing a resurgence of contemplative practices. A panel of experts that includes Rabbi Laura Geller, Rabbi Jill Zimmerman, Dr. Jay Michaelson, Rabbi Mike Comins and Alison Laichter, along with moderator Rabbi Andrew Hahn, will meditate on all this meditation. Does meditation exist indigenously in Judaism? Where do meditation and other Jewish practices conflict? Put on your Zen cap, and get ready for an interesting debate. Sponsored by Metivta and Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills. Mon. 7 p.m. \$10 in advance. Temple Emanuel, 8844 Burton Way, Beverly Hills. (818) 654-9293. metivta.org.

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"Yahrzeit Blues"

Sometimes, it's easy to ignore the harder parts of life. Other times, all we need is a creative hand to help us along. Storyteller Ellen Switkes has assembled a highly regarded group of artists to share in story and song as a way to reconcile the Big Goodbye. With music and personal anecdotes that are both sad and funny, attendees can experience a poignant hour of art and honesty. Performers include Switkes, Sarah Hershberg, Jonathan Leigh Solomon and Vicki Juditz. Music by String Planet. Wed. 7:30 p.m. \$10. RSVP to Dean Thomson at dthomson@adatariel.com. Adat Ari El, 12020 Burbank Blvd., Valley Village. (818) 766-9426, ext. 209.

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"SARAJEVO"

It's the eve of the Great War when Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife are assassinated in Sarajevo. Dr. Leo Pfeffer, the examining magistrate, is appointed to confirm that the Serbian government was behind the attacks. Consumed by the corruption bubbling up around him, can Pfeffer hold on to his integrity? The South Eastern European Film Festival Opening Night Gala features the world premiere of Andreas Prochaska's film. Starring Florian Teichtmeister, Jurgen Maurer, Melika Foroutan and Heino Ferch, the festival (and the film itself) will be going off with a bang! Thu. 7 p.m. \$20. Writers Guild Theater, 135 S. Doheny Drive, Beverly Hills. (323) 782-4525. seefilmla.org.

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